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- 1. The Dalmatian islands of Vis, Korcula, Lastovo, Lasina and Mijet are continuously being fortified with coastal guns, AA guns and heavy machine guns set in concrete emplacements. Nine fields have been laid approximately five miles off these islands. In addition to those laid during the war, new ones have been added recently in order to assure maximum efficiency in the defense of the islands.
- 2. The Government had decided to build a naval scademy at Pola. The Mavy, however, regarded Pola as too exposed and proposed Zara or Kotor as more suitable sites. Instead the Government will establish at Pola a series of electrical and mechanical schools, on the model of the old Maschinenschule of the Austro-Hungarian empire, for training NGOs.
- 3. A special commission of naval experts has been established to study rapid transformation of merchant vessels into auxiliary warships in the event of war. The Commission has its headquarters in Split and has four separate sections in Split, Boka Kotorska, Pola and Fiums. It operates in conjunction with the Navy, the shipping agencies and the shippards.
- 4. Members of the Commission for the application of the Peace Treaty with Italy are constantly approached to insist on rapid delivery of Italian ships to Yugoslavia, despite certain agreements reached between Belgrade and Rome on the matter. Prior to the Cominform rift, the Soviet Union had promised priority in the delivery of these ships to Yugoslavia. At present the Soviets grant no support to Yugoslav claims. In addition, the Soviet Union has refused to deliver to Yugoslavia 8 submarines, 3 counter-torpedo (?) boats (cacciatorpediniere) and 9 monitors which they promised Yugoslavia in exchange for raw materials.
- 5. The shippards operate almost exclusively for the merchant marine, with the exception of the yards at Split. All Soviet technicians in Yugoslav ship-yards have been recalled, and the lack of competent technicians, necessary machinery and raw material are manifest everywhere. At present the government is considering the purchase of large quantities of naval machinery from England and Switzerland.

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